

COUNTRY East Germany

SECURITY INFORMATION

REPORT NO.

TOPIC Finow Airfield

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EVALUATION

PLACE OBTAINED

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DATE OF CONTENT 23 December 1952 to 28 January 1953

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4 March 1953

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

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1. The following aircraft and air activity were observed at Finow airfield between 23 December and 28 January 1953.

23 December. About 38 MiG-15 and type-29 planes were parked at the field. Of these planes 28 were counted. Source believed that some additional MiG-15 or type-29 planes were probably parked in the hangars or revetments.

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13 January. There was individual flying by swept-back jet fighters throughout the day. The sky was overcast and visibility was clear.

14 January. There was the same weather as on 13 January. Air activity by MiG-15 and type-29 planes was observed.

16 January. No air activity was observed. An estimated total of 36 MiG-15 and type-29 planes and 3 single-engine aircraft were observed at the field. Of the jet planes 25 were counted. No aircraft were observed in the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments.

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28 January. Forty-one MiG-15 and type-29 planes, including 36 on the northern edge of the field, were counted at the installation. An additional 10 MiG-15 and type-29 planes were estimated there.

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2. In January, the AA gun emplacement in the southeastern corner of the field was still occupied by six 37-mm guns. Three guns were being cleaned on 23 December. Instruction was given on an uncovered gun on 28 January. Six trucks were observed in a new motor vehicle shed about 20 meters west of the kitchen building near the AA gun emplacement. North of the shed, there was a low wooden building with three windows.
3. On 23 January, source observed that the interior and sidewalls of the shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were lined with light-weight slabs.²
4. In January, a total of about 200 bombs were stacked in four groups in the bomb dump in the northeastern corner of the field. The dump was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epauletts. Poles were being set up along the southern edge of the fuel dump.
5. The radar set previously located in Poststrasse in Finow was not observed there in mid-January.

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- 25X1A 1. Comment. Finow airfield is occupied by the headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments, which are equipped with an average of 44 to 46 MiG-15s. Aircraft numbers 1089 and 2465 are reported for the first time. No 2463 was previously observed in Neuruppin.
- 25X1A 2. Comment. The information that the inner walls of shrapnelproof aircraft revetments were lined with concrete slabs was received from other airfields. According to a previous report, 22 cars with concrete slabs were dispatched from Ruedersdorf to Finow between 27 and 31 October 1952.

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